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SUBJECT: TIMING OF ROKG DELEGATION TO UNGA UNDETERMINED

REF: STATE 101170

Classified By: A/DCM Joseph Y. Yun. Reasons 1.4 (b/d)

¶1. (C) On July 25, Lee Kyung-chul, Deputy Director of the UN Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade told poloff that President Roh Moo-hyun intended to participate in the UNGA General Debate, with an address tentatively set for September 25. However, the timing of his trip was expected to be coordinated to accommodate a potential a summit with President Bush. In addition to other undetermined officials, Foreign Minister Song Min-soon would probably accompany President Roh to the UNGA General Debate.

¶2. (C) Following is the data provided by the Foreign Ministry in the reftel format requested:

¶A. Roh Moo-hyun, President, planning to attend UNGA;

-- Arrival and departure dates to and from New York and other locations remain to be determined due to a possible U.S.-ROK summit;

-- President Roh's spouse, Kwon Yang-sook, is expected to accompany his visit;

-- President Roh's meetings would require English interpretation.

¶B. Song Min-soon, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, planning to attend UNGA;

-- Arrival and departure dates to and from New York and other locations remain to be determined due to a possible U.S.-ROK summit;

-- FM Song's spouse attendance has yet to be determined;

-- FM Song speaks English and would not require English interpretation.

¶C. Attendance of other VIPs and Foreign Ministry officials responsible for IO affairs has yet to be determined.

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